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SUBJ: ALGERIAN PRESS CRITICIZES SALE OF U.S. PLANES

USINFO FOR PGM/RC, PGM/P, VOA, NEA

1. ALGERIAN PRESS, PREOCCUPIED WITH EVENTS IN ZAIRE, HAS NONE-
THELESS GONE THROUGH MOTIONS OF CRITICIZING SENATE'S APPROVAL
OF SALE OF PLANES TO ISRAEL, EGYPT, AND SAUDI ARABIA, CLAIMING
MOVE IS MEANT TO "STRENGTHEN BASES OF IMPERIALISM IN REGION,
ACTIVATE CLIENT REGIMES, AND REINFORCE POLICY OF CAPITULATION."

2. MAY 17 HEADLINES WERE NEGATIVE: "LIFE SAVER FOR SADAT REGIME"
(GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN FRENCH "EL MOUDJAHID"); "DEAL
AIMS TO SUPPORT POSITION OF AMERICA'S ALLIES IN REGION" (GOVERN-
MENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN ARABIC "ASH-SHA'B"); "U.S. SENATE AP-
PROVES PROVISION OF 75 F-16 AIRCRAFT TO ISRAEL" (GOVERNMENT-OWNED
ORAN DAILY IN ARABIC "AL-JUMHURIYYA"); "ISRAEL GETS LION'S SHARE
IN U.S. PLANE DEAL" (GOVERNMENT-OWNED CONSTANTINE DAILY IN ARABIC
"AN-NASR").

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3. NEWS TREATMENT, WHILE INCLUDING MAJOR PRESIDENTIAL AND OTHER
STATEMENTS ON OCCASION, WAS ALSO NEGATIVE. "EL MOUDJAHID" WROTE:
"POLITICAL OBSERVERS SEE U.S. GESTURE AS LIFE SAVER FOR REGIME
THAT IS INCREASINGLY ISOLATED AND OPPOSED SINCE SADAT'S VISIT TO
JERUSALEM.... IN AFRICA, CAIRO SEEMS DETERMINED TO ACCELERATE ITS
STRUGGLE AGAINST PROGRESSIVE FORCES.... EGYPT'S ROLE AS AGENT OF
AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IN AFRICA SEEMS LIKELY TO GROW."

4. IN SOLE EDITORIAL COMMENT, "ASH-SHA'B" WROTE: "DEAL WAS RESCUE OPERATION MEANT TO PREVENT (SADAT) REGIME FROM COLLAPSE. THIS IS IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR AMERICAN POLICY IN REGION, SINCE SADAT REGIME IS CONSIDERED ONE OF ITS MAIN PILLARS IN MIDEAST AND AFRICA. DEAL AS A WHOLE IS MEANT TO STRENGTHEN BASES OF IMPERIALISM IN REGION, ACTIVATE CLIENT REGIMES, AND REINFORCE POLICY OF CAPITULATION FOLLOWED BY SADAT.... U.S. SEEKS TO SAFEGUARD SECURITY OF ISRAEL AND PROTECT ITS EXPANSIONIST AMBITIONS WHILE AT SAME TIME CONSECRATING SURPLUS ARAB OIL REVENUES TO SERVICE OF AMERICAN ECONOMY." STEPHAN

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